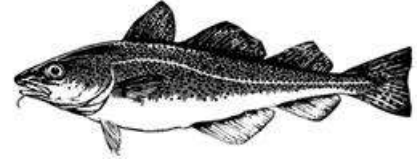


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**Closure of the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig season and opening
of the parallel Pacific cod jig season
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The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season will close to jig gear at 11:59 p.m. July 16, 2013 and the parallel Pacific cod season for jig gear will immediately reopen at 12:00 a.m. July 17, 2013 concurrent with the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod jig season.

Vessel operators participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season must deliver their catch prior to participating in the parallel season. Pacific cod harvested during the state-waters season must be delivered within 48 hours of the closure.

All vessels must be registered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game prior to participating in the parallel Pacific cod season. Registrations can be obtained in person or by FAX from the ADF&G office in Kodiak. Vessel operators must possess a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission interim-use permit for mechanical jig or hand troll gear prior to registration.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 907-486-1840.